

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Stollwerck, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 " "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [18]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP £251,993.15.0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
Wm. Kewick, Esq., Chairman.
Ado H von Andre, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
Egbert Vernon, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:—
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, The Hon. C. P. Chater,
H. Hopius, Esq.

Head Office:—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches:—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and
Shanghai.

Agents:—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [187]

Insurance.

THE
STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT
ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES
of this form of Assurance, the
following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision
for wife and family or other relatives
in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment
for the regular accumulation of
small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are
larger than in other ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—
should the Policyholder wish to dis-
continue future payments—he will
be entitled to receive, on application,
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a
proportionate amount of the Sum
Assured, as explained in the Pros-
pectus.

For full particulars on application,
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.
Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [147]

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.
Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1892. [141]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., 10 Yauk Moon, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—H. V. AMEL.

MARINE RISKS ON C. WOODS, & Co., taken
at CURRENT RATES, on all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRINCE STREET,
HONGKONG, 17th December, 1892. [169]

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CHY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of August next, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1893.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [146]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 5th to 10th day of August next, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [147]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 14, PRINCE STREET, on MONDAY, the 21st August, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 31st December last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1893. [186]

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK AND COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 21st August, at 3.30 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st December last.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 21st August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
FRANK W. WATTS,
Manager.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [186]

EDISON'S LATEST IMPROVED LOUD-
SPEAKING PHONOGRAPH.

PROFESSOR BERS, having decided to remain a few days longer in Hongkong, is prepared to receive orders for private entertainments at any resident's house, and will also sing daily in a private room at the Victoria Hotel.

Come and hear what is justly called the "WONDER OF THE 19th CENTURY," which reproduces the best Songs and Music of the most famous Celebrities of the World.

Fees strictly moderate.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1893. [1912]

GYMKHANA.

THE THIRD GYMKHANA MEETING will take place at the HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, the 26th August, commencing at 5 P.M.

EVENTS:—
I.—5 P.M.—FOOT RACE.—Europeans, 220 yards.
II.—5.15 P.M.—FOOT RACE.—Over 4 flights of Hurdles. 3 Mile. Asiatics.

III.—5.30 P.M.—TENT PEGGING.—Ladies' nomination. Prize kindly presented by H.E. Major-General G. Digby Barker, C.B.

IV.—6 P.M.—HURDLE RACE.—For all China Ponies. 3 Mile.

V.—6.20 P.M.—ONE MILE HANDICAP.—For all China Ponies. Prize kindly presented by a few Ladies at the Peak. Entries close 10th instant.

Programmes can be obtained on application to the Hon. Sec., Headquarters Office.

A. H. THOMAS, Captain,
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 12th August, 1893. [1906]

STOLEN OR STRAYED.

A BLACK TERRIER PUP with White Spot on chest, answering to "DEVIL" Reward on returning same to Government Civil Hospital.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [1902]

THE STEAMSHIP "OORYIA"

TAKE notice that I have received an authority, dated 29th June, 1893, from the Board of Trade, London, authorizing me to change the name of the Steamship "OORYIA," and that from this date the said Steamship will be called and known by the name of "K. YONG HOI."

The Steamer leaves HONGKONG (Jardine's Wharf, West Pier) for CANTON on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, at 6.30 P.M.; and leaves CANTON for HONGKONG on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 5 P.M. The steamer has always Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

TSEUNG SZ KAI.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [1903]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [1493]

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

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F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

HAVE RECEIVED

A CAPITAL LINE IN

TWINE HAMMOCKS,

SUITABLE FOR DECK OR VERANDAH USE.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [6]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

NOW READY.

PRICE \$2.50.

DOLLARS AND STERLING

EXCHANGE TABLES,

AT DIFFERENT RATES

FROM 2/- TO 3/-

ASCENDING BY ONE SIXTEENTH OF A PENNY.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
PUBLISHERS.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1893. [7]

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 31.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOIE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjacent to the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [108]

W. BREWER.

NEW STOCK ARTISTS' MATERIALS.

New Stock Ladies' Shoes.
Tennis Bats, Balls, Nets, &c.
Hand-painted Photo. frames.
Photo Albums,
Photo Screens,
New French Novels.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1893. [639]

SHOOTING SEASON 1893!

FOWLING PIECES IN CASES WITH IMPLEMENTS.

MARTINI-HENRI MATCH RIFLES, WINCHESTER CARBINES, COLTS

"LIGHTNING" CARBINES, REVOLVERS.

ELVIS CARTRIDGE CASES.

METAL COVERED, GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN.

CARTRIDGES LOADED with (E.C.) or "ALLIANCE" GUNPOWDER.

PIGON, WILKS AND LAWRENCE "ALLIANCE" SPORTING POWDER.

NEWCASTLE CHILLED SHOT.

WADS, CAPS, LOADING MACHINES, RE-CAPPERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BAGS,
GUN CLEANERS, &c., &c.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.
HONGKONG, 9th August, 1893. [1071]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP SHARES of this Company will be TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the NEW SHARES standing in the same Name remain Unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [1444]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,
\$75 PER MONTH

for BOARD and LODGING in ROOMS facing
Pedder Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board
\$45 PER MONTH.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1893. [1587]

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be first-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later if notice be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on application.

Monthly Board for One Person...\$35.00
Tipin...\$15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast...\$0.50
Tipin...\$0.75
Dinner...\$1.00

SPECIAL TIPPINS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [1528]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED or UN-
FURNISHED ROOMS, with Board and
Table Accommodation.

Apply to
Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [136]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,
COAL CONTRACTOR.

COMPRADORE and STEVEDORE.

SHIPS VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED
WITH PROVISIONS, DUNNAGE, &c.

WATER and BALLAST BOATS.

Manila, 13th March, 1893. [1338]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENALDER,"

Captain McIntosh, will be despatched as above
on or about 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1893. [1894]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ARGYLL,"

Captain J. C. Williamson, R.N.R., will be
despatched for the above Port on or about
SUNDAY, the 20th instant, instead of as pre-
viously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1893. [1881]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

Steamship "TROCAS."

Steamship "SPONDILUS."

Steamship "ELAX."

Steamship "VOLUTE."

Steamship "MUREX."

Steamship "TURBO."

Steamship "CONCH."

Steamship "CLAM."

Steamship "BULLMOUTH."

FOR HAVRE AND LONDON.

Taking Cargo on through Bill of Lading to
NEW YORK.

THE Next Sailing will be the Steamship
"SPONDILUS," on or about 21st August.

To be followed by the Steamship
"ELAX."

For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [1845]

N.B.—The Steamers of this Line will be
despatched monthly from Hongkong, and offer
exceptional advantages to Shippers of perishable
cargo, owing to an improved method of ventila-
tion. Copies of reports on out-turn of cargoes
may be had on application to the Agents.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE."

Captain Cumling, will be despatched as above
on or about SATURDAY, the 20th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1893. [1794]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain J. E. Hansen, will be despatched for the
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 17th instant,
at 2 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

The PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.,

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For **COAST PORTS**, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition.

Counterfeit Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SALTZ WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
TONIC WATER
LEMON SQUASH
GINGER ALE
RASPBERRYADE
GINGERALE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,

5, The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY

REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTH.

At Smith's Villa, Magazine Gap, on the 15th instant, the wife of J. LAMKE, of a daughter.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

THE RIOTS IN BOMBAY.

LONDON, August 14th.
The riots still continue; the volunteers have been called out and the Blue-jackets landed. Rioters have been seen from Fort. Business is suspended. The troops charged the rioters, and also fired upon them.

SILVER.

A large majority in the House of Representatives favours the proposal for the repeal of the Sherman Act. The Silverites made a concerted attack on the proposal in the Senate.

where there is a small majority against the repeal.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed to the command at Aldershot, and Sir Henry Evelyn Wood, G.C.B., made Quarter Master General.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Japanese residents of San Francisco are about to establish a special school for the benefit of their countrymen in America.

Dr. Priestley—It's very warm. Ninety-nine, I believe.

Old Soak—Dam Moody and Sankey.

A GRAND review of the Imperial troops was to have been held at Tokyo in honor of the visit of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

The *Tartarus* case is down for trial to-morrow, and probably the hearing will at last proceed in earnest, without any more delay.

A COOLIE convicted of ear-ring-snatching at the Magistrate's day was sent to prison for four months and ordered to receive eighteen strokes of the "cat."

THE man George Burke, alias Murray, who recently stabbed his shipmate Neil Smith, on board the *Orpheus*, in Kobe harbor, has been sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

In the police court to-day, before Capt. Hastings, Chau Wan, a cook in the Hongkong Hotel, was sent to gaol for three weeks for stealing two pounds of ham from his employers this morning. An Indian watchman prosecuted.

ONE of the Japanese coolies who jumped to suddenly into fame and affluence by knocking down the city policeman who attacked the *Crawfish* in '92 has, it is reported, given up the habits of dissipation he acquired after coming into an unexpected fortune, and taken to study and farming.

A FISHERMAN who was left ashore at Aberdeen on the departure of his junk on Saturday last was found shortly afterwards lying in the street too weak and ill to move a limb. He was removed to hospital by the police, but died a few minutes after admission. An inquest is to be held. The junk can be identified.

BOOKING for to-morrow night's *Victoria* entertainment is already at an advanced stage, and the Theatre Royal is pretty sure to be well filled. A few small changes have been made in the performance, which cannot fail to please the audience. We understand that in consequence of numerous requests the management has arranged for a repetition next Saturday.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the editorial genius of the *Daily Press*, for his own sake as well as in the interests of his readers, will leave off writing any more childish rubbish on the *Silver* question. It is not pleasant for the *Telegraph* to be a collector of periodicals marking an ass of himself by pretending to grave discourse a subject which his feeble little brain is quite incapable of comprehending.

A FASHIONABLE wedding will take place at Shanghai on the 20th instant, when that keen old 'sport' Mr. Raymond E. Toog, late of this colony, will lead to the hymeneal altar Miss Sophia Raphael, daughter of Mr. R. S. Raphael, a well known and deservedly popular merchant in the model Settlement. We hope to see "Old Renovation" at the Shanghai Autumn Race Meeting and meanwhile tender him our best wishes.

THE band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock:—

Overture: "Marchioness d'Anjou." "Meyerbeer."
Water Music: "Henry VIII." "Sir A. Sullivan."
Selection: "My Little Rosette." "Sir A. Sullivan."
Selection: "Pirates of the Sea." "Sir A. Sullivan."
Selection: "Hibernia Rouser." "Sir A. Sullivan."
Duet: "The Ballerina." "Sir A. Sullivan."

THE *Nagasaki Express* of the 9th says that H.M.S. *Lander* put into that port on the 1st inst., in consequence of a breakdown in her engine room. She was at the time of the accident on her way to Hongkong, en route to Bangkok, in company with the flag-ship *Imperial*, and other vessels attached to the squadron, having left Yokohama on the 29th ult. After the accident she made for *Nagasaki* under easy steam with one engine only. The repairs have been completed, and she is awaiting orders, there being now no necessity to proceed to Siam.

OUR evening contemporary is really a most reliable authority on current events. Last night's issue, which is alleged to have been published at 6 to 7 p.m., says:—"Another attempt will be made to-morrow morning to raise the steamer *Amigo*. As the steamer has settled down in the mud, the Dock Company's men are finding the work of raising her more difficult than was at first anticipated, and matters have not been improved by the collapse of the other dock. And as a matter of fact, at the late *China Mail* writes, the *Amigo* was actually afloat and the tug *Pilot* and *Dragon*. Why the attempt to beach the sunken steamer failed for the time being, is fully explained in another column. Perhaps, after this *express* of brass-faced impudence and ridiculous inaccuracy the *China Mail* will find it convenient to 'lie low' for the next few days!

WHAT Hongkong wants is a local Rydard Kipling to turn on some 'Barrack-room Blues' relating how Thomas Atkins, equine, beats the humble but useful Chinese coolie. There is no British soldier—not a fiery untamed Pathan nor a lascivious, but genuine 'Shropshire Boy'—bound for the camp at Kowloon last night, crossed the water by the last launch from Hongkong (the *Idyl*) and then chartered a rickshaw. It is horrible to think of a Private of the Line 'hooding' it in this hot climate! On arriving at the camp they toiled without paying. The coolies followed, and on overtake the first (a dignified movement for the British army, but a very unbecoming one for the Chinese army), brutally mauled and kicked, one having his eye nearly cut out and his nose smashed. The coolies reported at Yau-mai-ti police station, and this morning Sgt. McNab went to the camp and complained. The officers paraded the whole of the men, but of course the coolies having only been there for the purpose of night, could not recognise them. Accordingly the police cannot act; though it ought to be easy enough to find out three men returning to camp at one o'clock in the morning.

MR. JUSTICE ACKROYD will leave for Japan on Thursday, by the O. & C. Co.'s steamship *Bulger*, for two months' sick leave among the health-giving hills of Dai Nippon.

Editor of *Swift*—I have a splendid idea. Soaps—Where did you get it?
Editor—It was going along the Praya and overheard two F.W.D. men talking in the Hotel bar-room.

A CORRESPONDENT writes that the references to Capt. Booth, of the Chinese Revenue cruiser *Felice*, in last night's *China Mail* are "grossly and disgracefully inaccurate." Quite true, but they are near enough for the *China Mail* and its talented 'man at the wheel'!

At the Magistrate's day, before Capt. Hastings, 'Madame Patti,' a c. five-shop keeper in Graham Street, was charged on remand with selling intoxicating liquor without a license. She was fined \$25, or six weeks imprisonment, and a quantity of beer and champagne was confiscated.

ACCORDING to the *Hyogo News* of the 2nd inst., the heat at Seoul and Japan is greater this year than has been experienced in Korea since the ports were opened. During mid-day the people are obliged to cease work. On July 25th the thermometer at the Japanese Police Station registered 106 deg. The *Kinsawa-maru* which was to leave Japan on the 24th ult., was delayed until the 26th, as the coolies could not work during the day time, and the cargo accordingly could not be got on board by the earlier date.

As some of our Yokohama contemporaries have referred to the matter, we may just as well state for the information of all concerned that Mr. R. Fraser-Smith, Editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, will within the next few weeks institute in the British Court at Yokohama an action at law for damages, laid at \$10,000, against Capt. Brinkley, Editor and Proprietor of the *Japan Mail*, for a series of alleged defamatory libels published in the latter paper in September, 1891. Mr. Fraser-Smith will probably be represented by a leading Hongkong barrister.

MONSIEUR Le Myre de Vilers, deputy for French Indo-China in the Paris Legislative Assembly, did not go on to Saigon by last French Mail as reported. He stayed back at Singapore, and it is stated that he had instructions from the French Government to proceed to Bangkok as Minister Plenipotentiary to adjust arrangements with the King of Siam. Mr. Le Myre, de Vilers, as our readers are probably aware, was at one time Governor of Indo-China, and afterwards held a similar position in Madagascar. He has been a prominent factor in French politics.

THE British steamship *Choyang*, which arrived here to-day from Shanghai, appears to have encountered the tail or margin of a typhoon. After leaving Shanghai on the 10th inst. she had moderate south-east winds and fine weather to Tong-tong. The weather then assumed a very threatening appearance—wind backing and barometer falling fast with constant rain, and Captain Bradley very wisely turned back and anchored under T'aiwan Island at 4 a.m. on the 11th. At noon, however, the wind lulled and shifted to east-south-east, so he hove up and proceeded.

SOMEbody wants to know what has become of the jackdaw who used to strut in peacock's feathers as an authority on the great *Silver* problem of the day. He is the self-assumed title of 'Brother Silver King' in the precious columns of the *China Mail* nearly a couple of years ago. Any information on this important subject will be gladly received and gratefully acknowledged. 'Silver Kings' are scarce articles nowadays and it would be a great pity if this most immaculate monarch of finance were allowed to fade into obscurity without an adequate *In Memoriam*.

BARON VON DER GOLZ, the German representative at the Court of Peking, was favoured with the honours of a presentation of his credentials to the Son of Heaven on July 22nd. The show, according to a Chinese paper, was almost as ludicrous as the recent so-called Royal wedding (I) in England. The performance took place in a place called the Ch'eng Kung Tien, where the Emperor sat on a throne in solitary state; the German Minister was escorted into the sacred presence of 'Joss' of the palace; they kept the Almighty Kaiser's representative waiting nearly half an hour and then permitted him to kneel and do a lot of other idiotic things in a fashion which makes official manhood despicable. After the *how-ling* and *soo-erching*, the meeting to use the familiar phrase of the ubiquitous reporter) peacefully separated.

KORE was visited by a most disastrous fire on the night of the 2nd inst. no less than three blocks being completely gutted. The fire broke out about 11 p.m. at the rear of No. 35 (Messrs. Montgomerie, Heilmann & Co.), and soon spread to the Company's tea godown, which burned like match-wood. The Company's offices then took fire, and afterwards Mr. Dutronquoy's fine new premises known as the 'Travelers.' The Museum and Art Gallery, Messrs. De Ath & Co.'s, Stephens & Co.'s and Wilkison & Co.'s premises narrowly escaped destruction. The damage has been estimated at over \$300,000. Messrs. Montgomerie, Heilmann & Co.'s estimate is \$150,000 odd; Messrs. Wilkison & Co.'s nearly \$200,000; Mr. Dutronquoy's \$120,000; and Mr. Gillard's \$40,000. This total is divided roughly among the Insurance Companies as follows: China Fire \$145,000; Queen's \$150,000; Union \$45,000; London and Lancashire \$30,000; Northern \$25,000; New Zealand and Hongkong \$5,000 each; and Manchester \$2,000.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Fielding Clark.)

August 15th.

MATCHES—MADE IN GERMANY.

Is the suit of Fifth against Hutchinson, Plaintiff (a Vienna manufacturer) asked for an injunction to restrain defendant (a Hongkong merchant) from infringing on plaintiff's trade mark as applied to match-box labels, namely a 'paddle-wheel' steamship. Mr. A. J. Leach, instructed by Mr. R. C. Ellis (Mr. J. J. Deacon's agent) was for plaintiff and Mr. J. J. Deacon, instructed by Mr. C. E. Evans, was for the defendant.

After a good deal of exceedingly unimportant discussion, on purely preliminary technicalities, the case was adjourned to to-morrow.

THE "AMIGO."

Yesterday evening, towards dusk, the preparations for another effort to raise the *Amigo* appeared complete, and the Dock Company's tug *Pilot* and *Dragon*, together with the P. & O. Company's new tug *Dragon*, set to work trying to tow the partially-lifted wreck seawards.

Four strong chains had been passed under the hull amidships (by the tedious and difficult process of digging through the soft mud) and other chains were carried under the stern, and the aperture of the procler; slights, of unusually great strength, lay alongside, supporting the chains with beams of stout timber. As the tide rose, the vessel was gradually lifted two or three feet, and the pumps emptied the fore part of the ship, until, instead of being eight or ten feet deep in mud, she was nearly clear forward and perhaps six feet deep aft. The two powerful tugs then went ahead, shoreward, and managed to drag the wreck some fifty feet when one of the tow-ropes snapped. After some time the tugs were again got into position, and a fresh start was made; the wreck was again 'on the move,' slowly being dragged up the sloping bottom of the harbour, when the engines of the *Pilot* and *Dragon* were suddenly rendered useless for the time by losing the vacuum—an accident which has not been known to occur to her for over twelve years, and could never have been anticipated now. It is not very serious in itself, but at such a critical juncture it was most unfortunate. After this mishap, as proceedings were necessarily stopped for some time, the pumping out of the fore-hold was suspended, and water was pumped into the lighters, in order to lessen the strain on the chains by which the wreck was slung from the lighters, as the tide was rising. This precaution, however, appears to have been insufficient, for one of the chains amidships broke; and at this stage, to a break-down all along the line, the apparatus was abandoned. Fortunately nobody was hurt, but all work practically had to be stopped; it was after ten o'clock, and the tide would be on the ebb soon, and nothing could be done.

This unaccountable run of bad luck means a delay of a week or more, and a great deal of extra expense; the chains first have to be recovered, then they have again to be passed under the *Amigo*'s keel, stronger spars must be fixed, and then the same kind of action followed as before, lifting the wreck by little snail at last she is got out on the beach, with her decks above water. The rest will be comparatively easy, or at any rate straightforward work.

"RUNNING AMUCK" IN ABERDEEN.

On Sunday afternoon a Deepwater-Bay fisherman named Chan A Chan went to a house in Aberdeen, where lived a woman named Chau Lin, with whom he had been acquainted in Stanley formerly. He was received as a friend of the family, and joined in their evening meal. The woman's husband is in Singapore, but her father-in-law, her brother, and her son were all present. The visitor said he was on his way to the house, but after the meal he was a strange in his manner, and lay down for a time on a bed upstairs. He then appeared to become delirious, and raved wildly about being in Singapore and wishing to return to Hongkong. He said he would die rather than stay where he was (in Singapore). The woman went upstairs, and found him sitting on the floor, shouting all the time. The woman tried to get him to settle the house on fire, but he chased her out of the house with a knife and a hammer. He then went back inside, and completed his incendiary work unobserved. Meantime the woman had met a Chinese policeman, No. 132, who on being told ran into the house, but was driven out again, though he was armed with a carbine and the madman had only an axe. The *Amigo* went to the police station for help, and the woman, who told him the house was all on fire. He accordingly went into the station again and called out the whole available force of police and fire brigade. Meantime another native constable, No. 153, had gone into the house to put out the fire, which he had seen from his post; but the lunatic at once struck him on the head with a large *amshu* knife, inflicting a nasty wound and driving him away. A foreman constable of the dock, who had volunteered to help, was similarly hurt, so sent for to help, was driven away from the house, on going in to try and save some of her property, had her head cut open by the lunatic with either the chopper or the stone jar. All three wounded persons were bleeding profusely. On the arrival of Inspector Botlin with the police and firemen it was found that the house (of two storeys, brick) was beyond saving from the flames; and the roof of the next house had to be partly demolished to prevent the fire spreading. In the end when the house was completely gutted and the conflagration completely burnt, and the madman's corpse was found, horribly burnt, and lying face downwards on the floor, buried in smouldering ruins.

MORPHINE VERSUS OPIUM.

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" INVESTIGATIONS.

I.

In June, 1893, the *Hongkong Telegraph* made arrangements for a house-to-house investigation of the morphine business, which has since the beginning of the year attained such dimensions among the lower classes of the Chinese population in this Colony as to require public consideration. Our researches were naturally conducted with all possible quietness, though latterly it would appear as if some persons, interested in misleading the public, have discovered that the facts were being ascertained, and have endeavoured to occupy the field with false news. However, that is of no material consequence.

The first visit was made to No. 2, East Street, near the Tai-ping-ban market. The shop consists of a single flat, on the first floor of an ordinary Chinese house, entered from the back of a passage. The building is thoroughly in keeping with the neighbourhood—Western in tone, fairly comfortable and decent from the Chinese point of view; the ground floor is occupied by a provision shop, and the top story is a private residence.

With an excellent interpreter—one of the best in Hongkong—the representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* went into the first floor, where in the dim light of three very feeble lamps some ten or twelve Chinese of the coolie class could be discerned squatting about the room, and apparently just resting and chatting after their day's work. (The day was about 9.30 p.m.) All rose on the entrance of Europeans, as such visitors are unknown except when the Government has some official errand—for instance, in the Police or Sanitary Departments. The occupants of the room seemed to be simple, ordinary coolies, in the usual clothing, not ragged, but dirty, more or less. The room itself was about half filled with miscellaneous articles, bundles, boxes, mats, stools, chairs, and so on, at which the proprietor sat, near the 'entrance.' In front of him was the best of the lamp, a small case containing a pair of 'needles,' a small bottle of white powder, another bottle of a nearly clear fluid, writing materials, and a 'bubble-bubble' pipe. Behind him, fixed to the wall, were shelves filled apparently with various household and personal goods.

The manager was informed that the *Smith* *Newspaper* wished to give the *European* account.

menty a full description of the morphine business, and he at once expressed his willingness to afford all the information in his power. He is a bright-eyed, intelligent, healthy-looking man, about thirty years old, and as creditable a specimen of the superior coolie or 'small shop-keeper' class as China can produce. He readily answered a series of questions, as follows:—

How long have you had this shop open for this week?—About four months.

And before that?—I dealt in general goods and native medicines at another shop.

Are you a doctor?—No, nothing but a shop-keeper. I was a coolie at first.

How did you come to change your business?—I used to smoke opium a good deal, and I heard about the morphine injection cure; I was cured in that way, and I thought it would be a good thing to start in this shop as a benevolent institution, for the rescue of victims, or is it for your own profit?—For profit, of course; I am a poor man, and must live.

How much opium did you smoke a day?—About fifteen or twenty cents worth.

Were you ill?—No.

Did the opium make you weak, or do you harm?—No.

Then why did you want to be cured?—It was too expensive.

But could you not just give it up? I did.

I mean without this morphine?—No; I used to smoke four or five pipes every evening, and some in the morning; and I did not feel right till I had them.

So it did make you weak in one way?—No, not weak. I simply wanted it.

Then why not have it?—I am a poor man, and opium costs about three cents an injection.

Morphine only costs one cent an injection.

Do you mean that if you were rich you would go to bed with opium again?—I hardly know now, as I do not want it after being 'weaned,' but I think if I had had plenty of money I would not have wanted to leave the opium.

And you would have gone on until you fell a victim to it, and grew sick, and died?—Oh, no! Why should I?

Many men do.—(Answer only a sort of grant, construed into a refusal to argue.)

When was it that you began your cure?—Less than a year ago; about six months or more.

Did you inject for yourself?—No, I did not know how; I can do it for myself now, but during the cure I did not.

What quantity did you take?—I think twenty-four points. (Syringe shown, marked off into thirty sections, each representing about two drops.)

Was pure morphine used?—No; we put the powder in water.

In what proportions?—I don't know. (Showing a quantity, apparently about ten to one in bulk.)

How do you know how much to use?—I saw it mixed for me, and this was about the quantity.

Well, did you go on, and do you do it now?—I went on taking one point less every day, until I got down to nothing.

How did you feel? Did you want the full original dose?—No.

Did you want something after you had got down to nothing?—No.

Why, then, did you not start at nothing, if it is so easy?—I never wanted the time for opium again. I wanted something, until the desire got less and less.

So it took only twenty-four days?—More than that.

But you said you started at twenty-four points, and took one less every day.—Oh, well, I am not sure; I don't remember exactly. That was about it.

And now you take nothing at all?—No, except sometimes to show people how the morphine is injected.

Do you never want to have your opium again?—Never!

Nor to go on with morphine as you did before with opium?—Oh no, it is not the same.

But morphine satisfied you when you were wanting opium?—Yes, at first, but the desire for morphine grows less for opium, more for morphine.

When you wanted opium, how did morphine satisfy you?—What is it like?—It makes you feel soft and pleasant all over, and satisfied, with everything, just like opium.

Does the needle hurt?—No, you hardly feel it.

Does it draw blood?—No. (Scars shown all over chest and both upper arms, probably over a hundred marks, covering nearly a square foot of skin.)

Do the marks go away in time?—I don't know.

Do you feel anything at the point of injection?—The prick of the needle.

Are numbers 1—No. It is a sort of smooth, happy feeling, all over the body at once.

How soon?—Oh, in a minute or two.

Does it send you to sleep?—No. Perhaps it might.

Opium does?—Sometimes.

Now about your customers. How many have you?—There are over forty.

All being cured steadily like yourself?—Yes. Have any been cured?—Yes, several.

And left you?—Yes.

How many?—Oh, I don't know; a dozen, perhaps.

And have they gone back to opium?—I never heard.

Or bought morphine for themselves?—I do not suppose so. I have met some of them since, and they did not say so.

What do you charge?—A cent a time, large or small.

Are you often do they come?—They get one injection every morning and one every evening, regularly.

They were all opium smokers?—Yes, I believe so.

Are all these men in the room your customers?—Yes, all but one or two, servants and friends.

Have they had their dose?—Yes.

Then what are they waiting for?—Why should they not wait?

Will they be wanting another injection to-morrow?—They have wanted more than one.

Do you contract to cure them for a lump sum?—No, one cent one dose, nothing else.

Bank of Queensland was yesterday dismissed with costs against the Provisional Official Liquidator on the grounds that certain meetings of creditors had not been properly summoned.

SYDNEY, July 20th.
A small schooner, the *Guiding Star*, timber laden and bound for Port Macquarie, was run down by the steamer *Elmington*, near Newcastle, and sank, one man being drowned.

The directors of the General Finance, Agency and Guarantee Company of Australia have convened a meeting of shareholders for the adoption of a winding-up resolution.

The maritime strike may now be regarded as over, as the vessels requiring crews have been supplied.

SYDNEY, July 22nd.
The steamer *Hilda*, 220 tons, struck on a reef off Port Jackson, near Sydney, and sank shortly afterwards in seven fathoms of water.

It is now definitely decided that Madh, the child murderer, shall be hanged, the appeal to the Privy Council having been rejected.

July 24th.
The German barque *Argo*, loaded with fifteen hundred tons of coal, and bound for Valparaiso, was towed to her anchorage in Sydney harbour on Saturday last preparatory to sailing, the Captain, residing on shore to settle accounts, &c. The ship had been lying at anchor some little time, when a terrific explosion occurred and the vessel became enveloped in smoke. The force of the explosion burst open the decks, tore away the rigging in many places, and in a moment converted the vessel into a comparative wreck. The first mate was killed, and several of the sailors engaged aloft were hurled into the water or on to the deck, many being seriously injured. The regular occurrence is attributed to the generation of gas among the coal.

July 27th.
A man has committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a tram motor—he was decapitated.

MELBOURNE, July 24th.
Three severe shocks of earthquake were felt at Castlemaine and Bendigo, yesterday.

July 27th.
Bryan O'Loghlin, the burglar who last month robbed the Woodville Hotel, Melbourne, and wounded the landlord with a chair, has been found guilty of attempt to murder and sentenced to death.

The Melbourne Tram Company receipts for the past year show a decrease of £104,000 on the previous year.

LONDON, July 22nd.
The All-England v. Australia match has been drawn, play having to be discontinued owing to bad weather.

The match with Somersetshire has now been commenced, the latter being all out in their first innings for 110.

The British Miners Federation has called out two hundred and fifty thousand colliers pending settlement of a wages dispute.

Unrest in Europe still continues arising from rumours of a threatened outbreak of hostilities. Russia is doubling her forces on the Austrian frontier.

July 24th.
The Franco-Siamese embargo rapidly assuming serious proportions, in addition to the indemnity France now demands from Siam one hundred and forty-five thousand square miles of territory. This includes a province ceded to Siam by British Burma on the distinct understanding that it was never to be ceded to any other power without England's consent. The demand is consequently regarded as a direct blow at Great Britain, and the leading English papers protest against the territory being granted. The Siam Government is consulting with England.

The demanded indemnity not being forthcoming, the French forces on Wednesday attacked and captured the forts on Khong Island. The fighting was very severe. Three hundred Siamese were killed and two hundred wounded. The French loss is not stated.

The British warships on the China Station have been ordered to rendezvous at Singapore in readiness for any emergency.

In the match Australia v. Somersetshire, the latter in both innings scored only 183, the Australians winning with six wickets to spare.

LONDON, July 26th.
The European Powers decline to recognize the blockade of Siam notified by France until war has been formally declared. France is, however, taking measures to render the blockade effective.

The Chinese have entered a protest against the French demand in Siam.

The London merchants have prepared a circular embodying a protest to Lord Roseberry against the injury to British trade which will result from the admission of France's claims in Siam.

On Friday next 180,000 miners in Great Britain will come out on strike.

The Australian Eleven won the match against Middlesex by 300 runs.

There have been a number of fresh banking failures in America and the financial crisis is becoming more acute.

The arrangement scheme of the Q. N. Bank has been approved of by both the English shareholders and the depositors.

The French are making every preparation to institute a rigorous blockade of Bangkok on Thursday if their demands are not complied with. Serious work is expected, and further detachments of troops have been ordered from France.

Twelve thousand Siamese soldiers are stationed at Bangkok, and this force is being rapidly strengthened.

The French papers are vigorously protesting against any procrastination. They demand that the French men-of-war be immediately ordered to bombard the King's palace with a view to bringing that potentate to his senses, and also to show England that France is determined to enforce her rights and will brook no interference.

Blister complaints are being made by the British residents in Bangkok concerning the apathetic policy of the Imperial Government.

These reproaches are stated to be unavailing. Lord Roseberry and Dufferin (Ambassador in Paris) are working night and day endeavouring to bring about an amicable adjustment of the difficulty, and in the meantime energetic measures are being taken to guard British interests in any event. About twenty British men-of-war are now on their way to Singapore, there to await further orders.

Germany is delighted at the French embroilment in Siam, calculating that it will considerably weaken her powers for mischief elsewhere. Asiatic cholera is rapidly extending in Asia Minor and Southern Europe, and numerous deaths are reported. Late news states that the route to Mecca is closed with the unburied corpses of thousands of pilgrims.

The impending great strike of 200 hundred and eighty thousand colliers in the United Kingdom has sent the price of coal up 20 per cent.

In the match Australia v. Middlesex, the latter scored 78 in their first innings. The Australians scored 147 in their first, and 457 in their second innings. Gregory contributed 111 in the second innings, and Trott 125, the latter's score including the most magnificent hit ever made at Lord's—a straight drive which went clean over the two-story Grand Stand.

July 27th.
England and the other great Powers have decided not to recognize the blockade of Bangkok by the French on the ground that they have received no notification of war having been formally declared between the two countries.

The Chinese Ambassador in Paris is protesting against the French demands, pointing out that the Chinese Empire lays claim to a large portion of the territory included in the proposed indemnity concession.

Most of the French journals write in an exceedingly bitter strain against England, but the *Journal des Debats* recognised as the most influential journal in Paris, comments on the crisis in a calmer and more reasonable tone. It advises France to moderate her territorial claims as the easiest way of avoiding difficulties with both England and China.

Great excitement and disorder prevails among the populace in Bangkok, and English and other foreign men-of-war are landing armed, sailors and marines to prevent rioting and to protect the residences of the foreigners from being looted.

The British merchant's resident in Bangkok are protesting against Lord Roseberry admitting the French claims, as being manifestly unjust to Siam, and calculated to inflict irretrievable damage to British trade.

Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, has been besieged for four hours by insurgent war vessels acting in conjunction with the rebels on land.

Twenty-three leaders of the recent revolution in San Salvador have been executed.

Maharajah Talati Daga, one of the Indian Princes recently visiting England, has committed suicide at Brindisi owing to despair produced by the theft of his jewels.

The libel action brought by J. H. Wilson (about member in the House of Commons for Middleborough, and Secretary of the National Firemen's and Seamen's Union) against the *London Evening News*, has resulted in a verdict for the defendants. During cross-examination some damaging admissions were made by the plaintiff relative to the expenses of management, &c., going to show how the funds of the labour associations are wasted and misappropriated by incompetent and unscrupulous officials.

Several serious failures have occurred among members of the London and New York Stock Exchanges, resulting from the silver panic and the threatened troubles in Siam.

The Match Australia v. Middlesex has been won by the former, Middlesex scoring only 163 in second innings.

Up to date the Australians have won thirteen matches, lost six, and drawn four.

The next match is against Surrey.

BRISBANE, July 27th.
A strike has occurred on Wellshott Station in consequence of the reduction in wages.

An edition of *the Times* has been made in the wages of "rouabouts" at Bowen Downs.

The steamer *Franklin* struck some obstacle in Townsville harbour yesterday and sank.

SYDNEY, July 27th.
A man supposed to be named Thomas McIlwraith, committed suicide in Sydney yesterday by throwing himself under a tram.

Three children were poisoned in Sydney by eating the contents of a tin of sardines which they had picked up.

There has been no distribution with the maritime strike, and great distress prevails amongst the families of the seamen who went out on strike.

It is reported that a number of colonists are travelling on the steamers in order to note the work done and to detect any irregularities.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s steamship *Pera*, Capt. D. E. Fitch, which left San Francisco with the American mails of July 2nd, arrived in harbour this afternoon. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our San Francisco exchange:

NEW YORK, July 13th.
The *Herald's* correspondent cables that it is generally believed in Montevideo that the "quadrant under Admiral Wadswick" began bombarding the town of Rio Grande do Sul without war being declared, although many of them seem alarmed early and fled from the result of the bombardment. There is great anxiety in Montevideo in regard to the situation in Rio Janeiro, where grave trouble has been feared for some weeks. No news of any kind is being received in Montevideo from the Brazilian capital. Even news from commercial exchanges has been stopped.

LONDON, July 14th.
A dispatch from Zanzibar to the *Times* says: The Sultan has proclaimed the cessation of the administration of all British ports and territories in Italy for a provisional period of three years.

BRUSSELS, July 13th.
The Chamber voted to-day such a revision of the Constitution as will enable Belgium to acquire colonies. The Government is known to contemplate the annexation of the Congo Free State.

PARIS, July 13th.
Emile Zola, the author, was appointed an officer of the Legion of Honour to-day.

ROME, July 13th.
Father Nicholas Maunon, head of the Redemptorist order, died here yesterday.

LONDON, July 14th.
Frank C. Ives, the American champion, and John Roberts, Jr., the English champion, have signed articles to play in Chicago next Sept. The stakes will be £200 a side, corners barred.

NEW YORK, July 14th.
It was learned from high Russian sources to-day that the Russian Government has decided to maintain a permanent fleet of war ships in United States waters; and that the port of New York will be made Russia's western naval centre.

Acting under instructions from St. Petersburg a body of Russian naval officers has been engaged last week in making a careful inspection of the big Erie dry docks to ascertain the exact number of war ships the docks will accommodate. It was further announced to-day that the representatives of the Russian Government had made overtures to the Erie dry-docks establishment to undertake the care and overhauling of all the war ships maintained by Russia in American waters.

VALETTA (Malta), July 15th.
The British battle ship *Infatigable* has been ordered to proceed immediately to Alexandria, Egypt. The reason for the hurried order is not definitely known, but it is rumoured it is owing to difficulties that have broken out at Alexandria.

MANROU, July 15th.
A terrible railroad accident occurred near Bilbao last night. A train ran off the track and went over a high precipice. Six persons were killed and thirty seriously injured.

FOOCHOW NOTES.
Foochow, 12th August 1893.
The 'Tal-Hing' a pious goods shop in the city, closed its doors last Monday. The liabilities are stated to be about \$4,000.

We understand that the first autumn snipe were seen on the 3rd instant, two days earlier than last year. They are an 18 scarce, and a few have been seen since.

A tea garden belonging to one of the tea planters from the country has been made the scene of a robbery.

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tax and was caught. The whole of the tea was confiscated.

The Provincial Treasurer has posted a notice in the city intimating that students will not be allowed to smoke opium in any of the compartments of the Examination Hall. Those wishing to smoke must leave the hall for the purpose. Any student disobeying this order will not be admitted to the examinations.

Two Celestials made a bet of \$10 that they could not swallow 50 raw eggs one after the other without stopping. One thought better of it and paid \$5 forfeit. The other proceeded to try and swallow the bet, and got on pretty well until he had swallowed 30 when he showed symptoms of being very uncomfortable, however, he persevered and in the end won, and pocketing his money went home. During the night he became very ill and died the next day.

A married woman, who resides in a neighbouring suburb, came down to Foochow to ask her parents for some monetary assistance, as her husband was ill and unable to work. She received all that she asked for, and was returning home by the ferry-boat when she unfortunately fell into the river and was drowned. The corpse was seen the next morning floating in the river, was recognized by her parents, and taken home by them for burial. The money given her by her parents the previous day was found in her pocket.

A gross abuse of the transit pass system has been brought to the notice of the Likin magistrate. It appears that for some time past the passes have been allowed to go through the various stations en route to the interior without being stamped, an arrangement having been made with the runners of a pecuniary nature to dispense with the form, thus allowing the passes to be made use of over and over again.

An angry proclamation has been issued by the above mentioned official pointing out that such an irregularity will be no longer permitted, and any one detected infringing the rules will be severely punished.

The old trick of trying to set fire to premises where there is known to be money worth taking, was being resorted to on Tuesday last by three incendiaries when they were surprised by the watchman. They had already lighted the straw piled against the door of the house, (the straw saturated with kerosene oil) when they were discovered. The watchman raised the alarm and went for them, but was stopped by receiving a severe blow from a stone in the eye. The neighbours turning out were not long in subduing the flames, which fortunately had not extended beyond the door itself.

A serious accident happened on the afternoon of the 4th instant at the village of Ma Tan, about 2 miles from the Customs House, near the Anchorage. Three men, with a piece of iron, were trying to get out some gun-powder which was caked in a French shell, left since the bombardment of 1884, when the shell exploded, killing 2 men, and wounding another so seriously that he died the following day. A little boy, who was standing near, received a large gash in the side, and a broken arm. He has been put in the Seamen's Hospital. The sides and floor of the house were shattered, but the roof remained intact. Some pieces of the shell have been found, which show it to have been one of the largest kind used at the bombardment. Most of the powder had been removed from the shell 2 years ago, and it must have contained dynamite or some other explosive. Dr. Underwood and Mr. Nelson of the Customs went in one of the Customs gigs to the village on the evening of the accident, the doctor, who has been sent for by one of the men who succeeded, there might have been a great number of lives lost, but for a shower of rain that threatened a few minutes before the explosion, when some 30 villagers who were looking on, ran away to take in the drying paddy and their clothes.—*Echo*.

COMMON-SENSE IN LAW.

Theophilus Harrington, a Vermont judge, says in the *Boston Herald*, "a man who loved the right and cared little for the law, he would often say to the jury, 'you will not miss the general principles of the law.'"

At one trial, when the possession of a farm was in question, the defendant offered a deed of the premises, to which the plaintiff's lawyer, Daniel Chipman, objected because it had no seal.

"But your client sold the land, money was paid for it and he signed the deed, did he not?" asked the judge.

"That makes no difference," said Chipman. "The deed has no seal and cannot be admitted in evidence."

"Is anything else the matter with the deed?" asked the judge.

"I don't know that there is."

"Mr. Clerk," said the judge, "give me a wafer and a three-cornered piece of paper."

The clerk obeyed, and the judge deliberately made and affixed the seal.

"There, Brother Chipman," said he, "the deed is all right now. It may be put in evidence. A man is not going to be cheated out of his farm in this court, and there is a whole box of wafers on the clerk's desk."

"The court will give me an exception?" pleaded the coquet.

"The court will do no such thing," answered the judge, and he kept his word.

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